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** ALASKA. Fellas, I thought you'd be interested in some loggings up here on the Queen Charlottes, just to the south of the Alaska panhandle. I'm still learning the lay of the land, and my equipment. Running battery power, with 2 mini-Beverages of approx. 350' each. One is N/S, and the other is towards Australia. Still working out the bugs, though. Internet access is dreadfully slow in the town of Masset, and intermittent. The days are very long with darkness not happening until after 23:00 local, and light is before 05:00 local. Conditions were poor this morning, compared to 2 days previous.

On a positive note, after DXing this morning, I donned my wet suit, and went out into the ocean to catch some big Dungeness crab, abundant in these waters (very cold, but nice with the wet suit). I'll be trying for Australia on MW more often, as well as Alaska. Here is a selection of my loggings. Good dx to you all!

208, OYN Nome, Jul 3 0508 - Loop broadcast of this NDB at fair level stating that the pilot weather briefings are suspended until 1400Z (0600 local). Rare to hear these taped loops further south.

393, TOG Togiak, AK, Jul 3 0511 - ATIS information from presumed Togiak at poor to fair level.

580, KRSA, Petersburg, Jul 5 0602 - Local weather, followed by ID: 'Making a difference, KRSA'. Very good reception. Usually heard all day, at fair levels, better in the evenings, but with cochannel stations, but best during our local mornings with excellent reception in the clear. Mostly religious programming. Also Jul 3 1420 - Excellent reception with inspirational Christian music.

630, KJNO, Jul 3 1400 - As the morning progresses, and the trans-Pacific stations, and mainland US stations fade, I started to listen for the more local Alaskans. First heard was KJNO from Juneau, with 'Capitol Radio' and KJNO IDs. Multiple ads for local businesses at

1422 including one for 'the sweet sound of a chain saw'. 'Talk Radio KJNO' at 1423:30. Good reception.

650, KENI, Anchorage, Jul 3 1429 - ABC news Perspective program at 1429. 'Newsradio 650, KENI' ID at 1431 at fair reception.

660, KFAR, Fairbanks, Jul 6 1332 - Poor signal strength, in the muck, but a couple of KFAR IDs clearly heard.

680, KBRW, Barrow, Jul 6 1334 - Very weak, but in the clear with KBRW ID, and sports update.

700, KBYR, Anchorage, Jul 7 1259 - Finally got an ID through some local hash, as 'Talk Radio, KBYR'. Good reception otherwise.

750, KFQD, Anchorage, Jul 5 1321 - Fair reception with ID as, '750 newsradio KFQD'. Public service announcements followed, and then an ad for Alaska Tire Service.

770, [sic, must mean 800, q.v.] KINY, Jul 5 1325 - S9+ signal with oldies music, and ID at 1337 as, 'The music connection, KINY'.

770, KCHU, Valdez, Jul 6 1434 - Presumed logging with NPR news. I found the Alaskans abundant after the fade out of Pacific stations, as well as the lower 48 states for the most part. Unfortunately, due to a family emergency, my planned 3 week stay is being cut short. Hopefully, I'll be able to monitor once more tomorrow morning.

770, KCHU, Valdez, Jul 7 1330 - NPR news at 1330. No local ID at 1400 and went into NPR news again. Finally ID'd for KCHU, Valdez at 1449.

790, KCAM, Jul 5 1642 - S6 to S7 signal strength with Country top 50 countdown.

800, KINY, Juneau, Jul 3 1435 - Interesting relay of WXJ 25 Juneau weather radio with ID at 1440. Continued until 1344 [1444?] with an ID as: 'The music connection, KINY'. Very good reception. [see 770]

890, KBBI, Homer, Jul 6 1342 - Fair to good reception. ID for KBBI, Homer at 1358. NPR programming, into local weather.

1080, KUDO, Anchorage, Jul 6 1319 - Good signal with an Anchorage jingle and ID for KUDO, and then into the weather.

1110, KAGV, Big Lake, Jul 6 1410 - A tentative logging at fair level. Christian programming, with 'Through the Bible Radio'. No definite ID, though.

1140, KSLD, Soldotna, Jul 6 1350 - Nice ID as, 'The king of the Kenai, 1140', and again at 1402 as, 'You are on the King, KSLD, Kenai, Soldotna, and Homer'. Gone by 1413, but back with good strength a few minutes later.

1229.97, KIFW, Sitka, Jul 6 1411 - Very good reception, but frustratingly few IDs. Bob and Laurie Morning Show. AM signal sounded a little distorted, so checked the frequency. They're actually on 1229.97. A weak cochannel right on frequency is also heard. Finally at 1431, short ID for KIFW. Don't usually hear an American station off frequency.

1610, USA (PRESUMED) TIS, Jul 5 1310 - My most interesting logging for the morning. TIS stations aren't usually heard here, but this morning there was one for what sounded like: 'Whittier to Bear Valley Memorial Tunnel' Open 5:30 am to 11:15 pm. Propane restricted to 100 lbs. All vehicles under surveillance. Enforcement by local and state authorities. Thank you for driving carefully. Speed restricted to 25 mph. Can someone identify who this is? I don't have any TIS stations listed for Alaska, so I'm assuming a station in the lower 48. Help please! (Volodya Salmaniw, Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, HCDX via DXLD)

This IS in Alaska; Whittier is just SE of Anchorage; a Google hit:
<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/creg/whittiertunnel/virtualdrive.htm> (gh)

Your TIS 1610 is the tunnel between Whittier and Portage in South Central Alaska on the Kenai Peninsula. I have been through that tunnel many times back in the 50s as a child. My mother used to always state "That was the only train she was ever on with square wheels. hi. During parts of the day, you can drive between the tracks from Portage to Whittier now. In my day it was only for the train. The tunnel was opened up for auto traffic inbetween the times the train runs. Great going. Thanks, (Patrick Martin, OR, HCDX via DXLD)

Checking the FCC list, it's: WPTI714 STATE OF ALASKA ANTON ANDERSON MEMORIAL TUNNEL. 10 watts in Portage, AK. Though not the continental USA, I'm still very pleased! Check the map at:
<http://www.kenaipeninsula.org/Map.asp>
and the FCC page at:
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/genmen/uls/uls_site_res.https?db_id=19&link=WPTI714&application_id=
(Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, July 10, ibid.)

Er, Alaska is very much in the continental USA, but not in the conterminous or contiguous USA (gh)

** ALBANIA [and non]. Albania / China: Checked 7120 today and have to

say that this is the worst clash I witnessed in a long time. Two powerhouse signals of about equal strength but 10.8 Hz apart (both carriers were already on at 2127 tune-in), so the resulting mess got also further disfigured by a terrible, fast SAH. HFCC says the Chinese transmitter is Urumqi, and it indeed has to be a high power rig in western China to produce such a strong signal. A recording of this disaster:

http://www.radioeins.de/_/meta/sendungen/apparat/050709_a2.ram

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. Another missing gospel huxter: nothing on 11775 at 1322 UT check July 10 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Pleased to find 10 meters open July 9 from as far away as here, during some ham contest. Logged the following, all with different prefices:

2116, 28496, LU5EML, working lots of North Americans, and unlike many DX contesters, frequently giving his own call sign, and phonetically -- imagine that! Signal report always 5914. Google search later indicates his name is Matías, en Buenos Aires

2120, 28490, LT0H, with KM4LMS, 5914. Search leads to Juan in Cûrdoba, altho this may also be a club/group call

2122, 28456, LR2F, didn't catch whom working, nor handle. Seems to be another group/club station anyway. See also COSTA RICA.

Now if RAE would operate on 11 meters with a few watts, maybe we could hear them! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 1683.21, Radio Club, Jul 3 1243 - Presumed logging of Sydney (Lakemba), NSW with 400w. Listed as 24 hr Greek, although the music sounded somewhat Arabic/middle eastern. Weak audio.

1701.06, Jul 3 1244 - Two stations here. I always marvel at the strength of these flea-powered Aussies on this channel (and always slightly off frequency). When the rest of the band is dead, there often still is audio on this channel to North America. The dominant station is Radio 1701, Brisbane with Hindi music (listed as 100w) over cochannel probable NTC Radio 16, Silverwater, NSW with Australian accented English programming (this one I don't normally ever hear). (Volodya Salmaniw, Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, HCDX via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]: July 8, NTSS/ABC 4835//4910 from 2140, 4835 much stronger, also 5025 at 2158 after sign-off Tashkent, but very weak. No trace of Mali, Parakou and Zambia on the above freqencies all evening (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germany, July 9, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.5, Radio Pío XII, Siglo XX, 2215-2235, 07-07, Locutor y locutora, comentarios en quechua, español, comentarios, música y canciones bolivianas. "Son las 6 de la tarde con 25 minutos". Anuncios comerciales, anuncios de la ciudad de Oruro. 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. Checking out RHC frequencies when carriers were back on at 2145 Sat July 9 on 11760 and 11875, Spanish on 11800 instead was from R. Bulgaria, W&W presenting a mailbag show; fair.

Notice I gave the day of the week, since that is pertinent to scheduling of the programming, and referring to this only a few weeks hence, no one, except the rare savant, will remember what day of week July 9 was. I suggest other reporters to do the same for posterity (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 810, UnID, Jul 6 1240 - I don't have my WRTH with me, so I'll need assistance identifying this one. Continuous Weather Canada forecast in English and French for various regions, including the South Klondikes, Central Yukon and Dawson. This continued past 1301. Is this a Yukon station? (Volodya Salmaniw, Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, HCDX via DXLD)

NRC AM Log and WRTH show only two Canadians on 810, in Winnipeg and New Brunswick! Must be a TIS (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. Radio station CKMX in Calgary has flipped formats and is now known as "Classic Country, AM 1060." According to a news item by one of my colleagues, the station's full lineup will be announced within a week or two. Until everything settles down, the station is playing non-stop music, without announcers or commercial interruption. (If I'm not mistaken, this station has a shortwave relay on 6030 kHz. I can't tell if it is operation, though.) 73, (Ricky Leong, Calgary, Alta., July 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Collision with: ALBANIA, q.v.

** COLOMBIA. 6035, La Voz del Guaviare, 2248-2300, 07-07, Canciones colombianas presentadas por locutor. Identificación: "La Voz del Guaviare, cinco de la tarde con 57 minutos". Anuncios comerciales. Señal débil. 24222 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910, Marfil Estéreo, 0520-0623, 08-07, Locutor habitual que habla en La Voz de Tu Conciencia, comentario religioso, "Como puede haber paz en un mundo de tantas mentiras". "De nada sirve que se desarme a los paramilitares en Colombia si siguen las mentiras". Identificación: "Les agradecemos que sigan todos en nuestra sintonía, Marfil Estéreo 88.8 de la FM, La Voz de tu Conciencia, 6010 kHz onda corta, Alcarabón Radio". "La una de la mañana con 36 minutos." Anuncios comerciales y canciones. 34333. En paralelo con 6010, La Voz de tu Conciencia, con señal muy débil, 12221. La primera vez que escucho a 5910 y 6010 en paralelo, con el mismo programa (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also MEXICO

** COLOMBIA [and non]. CAMPAÑA DX: RADIO MIL VS LA VOZ DE TU CONCIENCIA EN 6010 KHZ

Los primeros resultados del accionar del exista para liberar a Radio Mil de la señal de LV de Tu Conciencia en 6010 kHz ya se están observando. Varios mensajes de colegas han sido recibidos por el Sr. Rudell Martin Stendal martinstendal @ etb.net.co de la emisora colombiana, y al parecer existe una reacción positiva según nos informa el Dr. Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla jusadiez @ hotmail.com de Radio Mil. Bajo el título del Subject (asunto) "Soluciones" las tratativas continúan entre los mencionados protagonistas principales. El Sr. Stendal sostiene que Radio Mil no es solamente interferida por su emisora a lo que Julián Santiago respondió:

"Es cierto y ya lo habíamos comentado, la diferencia es que la BBC y Radio Sweden lo hacen por lapsos de una o dos horas. Conocemos de esas interferencias, tan es así, que en la última reunión de la HFCC lo comenté directamente con ellos y van a revisar esta situación. Lo mismo un tiempo R. Nederland lo hizo y lo arreglamos directamente con ellos. Hace unos 7 años hablamos con la RAI que nos interfería durante 5 horas y al año siguiente dejaron de emitir hacia Norteamérica. Es decir lo hemos visto SIEMPRE directa y amablemente y hemos llegado a acuerdos..."

En vista de la situación inalterable que ofrece Tu Conciencia respecto a la interferencia que le causa a Radio Mil, Julián Santiago le ha propuesto a Stendal "disminuyan a 1 kW su potencia y utilicen una antena omnidireccional y no habrá problemas mayores que los que pueda haber por los caprichos de la onda corta. Con esa potencia y antena nosotros llegamos -- antes de su interferencia --- a todo el territorio mexicano que es mayor que el colombiano..."

En su respuesta del 7 de julio pasado, Stendal dijo que "Cuando el Sr. Rafael (Rodríguez) le escribí ya estábamos en lo definitivo y en el

Ministerio no se pudo cambiar nada". El resto del relato en el mensaje que Stendal dirigi  a D ez de Bonilla se transcribe a continuaci n:

"Hemos trabajado con juicio para acondicionar nuestro equipo y antenas para no irradiar hacia M xico. Aqu  en Colombia nos cuesta cuatrocientos mil pesos diarios mas transporte y vi ticos mandar una persona para que trabaje en el equipo. A veces hemos trabajado por semanas enteras. Tambi n hemos cambiado la orientaci n de la antena y puesto torres nuevas (en la nueva ubicaci n). Todo esto nos tiene un poco agotados y tambi n indispuestos cuando siempre recibimos la misma respuesta de usted. Nos responde con ret rica en contra de nuestra moral y convicciones y no nos suministra datos cient ficos para saber si nuestra labor est  logrando el efecto deseado.

"En este momento nuestro equipo se encuentra mermado de potencia. Como es un equipo a v lvula no tiene un control preciso para la potencia, hemos mermado el voltaje en la etapa final y el tubo de la portadora se encuentra bastante agotado. Aunque tenemos un tubo nuevo hemos decidido no cambiar el tubo ahora sino dejar que pase nuevamente la temporada de alta propagaci n con el equipo en este estado para poner el tubo nuevo en Abril del a o entrante (a menos de que falle del todo antes).

"Tambi n hemos invertido la polaridad de la l nea de transmisi n para que si hab a una onda hacia M xico desde la l nea de transmisi n, ahora estar  yendo al direcci n contraria (hacia el Brasil). Este trabajo lo hicimos la semana pasada. S  que en esta  poca de baja propagaci n puede ser muy dif cil que nos den un informe preciso dado que la se al no va muy lejos hacia el norte. En este momento nuestra se al no llega con juicio ni siquiera a Urab , Colombia y tenemos reportes de que no nos escuchan en Am rica Central. Los trabajos que hemos hecho en los  ltimos dos meses han sido muy intensos y, por el momento, no podemos hacer mas sin tener datos precisos, datos que creo que se podr n saber a partir de Noviembre cuando las condiciones de propagaci n hacia el norte mejoran.

Todav a hay un factor que podemos modificar con la esperanza de mejorar la situaci n que es la altura de la antena. Entre m s alto hay menor  ngulo de irradiaci n (y la se al va m s lejos). Entre m s bajo la antena (dentro de ciertos l mites) el  ngulo de irradiaci n es m s vertical y la se al es m s intensa en la zona local y menos intensa lejos de la emisora. Lo  ptimo para largo alcance en 6010 ser a unos 18 metros de altura. En este momento estamos en 11.5 metros para consideraci n de usted; podr amos bajar m s la antena pero al bajarla m s la impedancia cambia y nos puede afectar el transmisor. Podr amos hacer unas pruebas a partir de Noviembre e intentar bajar la antena uno o dos metros para ver qu  pasar a al dejarla a 9.5 o a 10 metros de alto. Para hacer esto necesitar amos datos precisos en cuanto a

reportes QSL para comparar la intensidad de la señal antes y después en determinados lugares...".

En su mensaje el Sr. Stendal continúa diciendo "Me han comentado que usted hace un programa DX los Domingos en la noche pero nunca he podido escucharlo. En los meses de alta propagación hacia el norte (Noviembre, Diciembre, Enero y Febrero) estaría dispuesto buscar la manera de apagar nuestro transmisor en el horario antes y hasta después de su programa para asegurar que tenga la mejor oportunidad de recibir reportes QSL desde cualquier parte del mundo. También estaría dispuesto a retransmitir su programa DX durante todo el año en el horario que estima conveniente. Atentamente, Martin Stendal".

Seguramente tendremos más novedades. Lo cierto es que las tratativas están en pleno desarrollo y, aunque han llevado demasiado tiempo según nos comenta Julián, con la ayuda de los diexistas en distintos lugares donde se capten a ambas emisoras será posible determinar cuáles ajustes definitivos necesitar. LV de Tu Conciencia para liberar a Radio Mil de su QRM. Finalmente, extendiendo el agradecimiento de Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla a todos quienes están contribuyendo --- y aún puedan seguir haciéndolo --- en favor de la continuidad de Radio Mil en los 6010 Khz (Rubén Guillermo Margenet, Casilla de Correo 950, S 2000 WAJ - Rosario, ARGENTINA, July 9, Noticias DX via DXLD)

Anoche, 9 de julio -Día de la Independencia en Argentina- entre las 2255 y las 2317 UT he podido captar la débil señal de La Voz de Tu Conciencia en la frecuencia de 6010.13 USB. La emisora colombiana no se identificó durante ese lapso pero su mensaje bíblico emitido con voz masculina me confirma que efectivamente es La Voz de Tu Conciencia. Frases como "...Hasta la tierra prometida..." y "...Hacia Galilea..." fueron los indicios más seguros pese a la interferencia de Radio Inconfidencia, Belo Horizonte, Brasil en 6010 Khz cada vez más fuerte a partir de las 2317 cuando se perdió la señal colombiana.

Inmediatamente envié un reporte al Sr. Russell Martin Stendal martinstendal@etb.net.co y, al mismo tiempo, he comenzado con él un diálogo amable para encontrar una solución definitiva que libere a Radio Mil del QRM que pueda ocasionar Tu Conciencia en el área de interés de la emisora mexicana. La respuesta de Stendal fue casi inmediata. La misma que reproduzco a continuación:

"Muy Estimado Rubén Guillermo, Gracias por su reporte de sintonía. Me parece increíble que nos haya escuchado desde Argentina en medio de la señal tan fuerte de Belo Horizonte. Hemos estado buscando solucionar el problema con Radio Mil desde hace un buen tiempo. En teoría nos parecía que nuestra señal no podía estar llegando allí tan fuerte -- pero el Sr. Julián Santiago quejó de vez en cuando -- y cada vez que esto sucedía gastábamos tiempo y recursos tratando de afinar nuestro

equipo para que no irradiara hacia MÈxico. En el norte de Colombia y en Centro AmÈrica nuestra seòal se bajò hasta estar casi nulo despuÈs de un trabajo que hicimos hace dos aòos y medio cuando se presentò la primera queja.

Resulta que hace unos dos meses un experto en onda corta nos visitò -- el Sr. Wayne Borthwick, Canadiense -- quien fue el diseòador de los equipos de la empresa Omnitronics y experto en antenas. Le contÈ el problema y Èl notò que habìa un imbalance in la lÌnea de transmisiòn de 600 ohmios que segùn el podrÌa estar irradiando hacÌa MÈxico y Espaòa. La lÌnea -- tipo escalera -- tiene casi la longitud de una landa de la frecuencia (49 metros) y un lado estaba en 3.5 amperios y la otra en 2.5 amperios. La lÌnea esta orientada norte-sur y segùn el Sr. Borthwick hubiera estado irradiando a treinta grados a un lado y al otro (MÈxico y Espaòa). Duramos varias semanas tratando de balancear la lÌnea -- sin Èxito -- y por fin la semana pasada invertimos la polaridad de la lÌnea.

Desde entonces hemos tenido reportes de que la intensidad de nuestra seòal se ha bajado notablemente tanto en la Ciudad de MÈxico como en Espaòa. Ahora el reporte suyo me anima mucho porque pienso que la seòal irradiado desde la lÌnea de transmisiòn que antes posiblemente iba hacÌa MÈxico y Espaòa puede estar yendo hacÌa el sur. TambiÈn estamos estudiando unos modelos que indican que si bajamos la altura de nuestra antena la seòal puede mermar de intensidad a lo lejos (y aumentar a lo cerca). Creo que la comunidad DX nos puede ayudar mucho para resolver esta situaciòn si siguen enviándonos reportes precisos de muchos lugares a medida que hacemos los ajustes necesarios.

Bendiciones, Martin Stendal

PS A vuelta de correo le estaremos enviando la tarjeta QSL"

Como podrÌan apreciar, comienza ahora la etapa final de esta campaa en la que debÌeramos cambiar las quejas por la colaboraciòn enviando informes de sintonÌa desde los diversos lugares donde nos encontremos para acotar el ÷rea de influencia de La Voz de Tu Conciencia hasta dejar de interferir a Radio Mil en los 6010 Khz. Gracias (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, 0551 UT July 10, Noticias DX via DXLD)

La mejor captaciòn registrada de La Voz de Tu Conciencia fue hoy 10 de julio a las 0620 UT en 6010.12 con QSA:3 tapando a Radio InconfidÈncia de Belo Horizonte (6010). Audio disponible 585 KB. Rx utilizado: Kenwood R-5000, antena T2FD (dipolo plegado) de 27 metros (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, Noticias DX via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Tuning around 14m during some ham contest, noticed TI0HQ on 21299, working lots of Ws and VE3SA at 2111 July 9. Signal report always 59RCCR, as in Radio Club de Costa Rica. I figured that prefix might be offshore on Cocos, or somewhere equally exotic, but

per below this is in mainland CR itself.

Also heard same call a bit later, at 2128 on 28470 working W80A(?), tuned second rx back to 21299 and both were on at the same time, so obviously multi- (or at least bi-) operator (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

TI0, COSTA RICA. Members of the Radio Club of Costa Rica and a U.S team plan to be active as TI0HQ in the IARU Contest (July 9-10th) from the Costa Rican HQ as a Multi-Multi effort. They expected to have 3 or 4 stations on the air from different locations. Activity will be on 160-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via TI0RC. Operators mentioned are: TI2MOT, TI2GBY, TI2JCY, TI4ZM, TI3TLS, TI2CCC, TI2VW, TI2KAC, TI3MA0, TI2DLL, W4BW, K4UN, W4KTR, N5VI and possibly K4PI (KB8NW/OPDX/BARF80 June 13 via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD) Another item from 425 DX News via same, July 8, reveals this is the IARU HF World Championship (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ARGENTINA

** COSTA RICA. Quito 10/7 2005 *** Sunday edition: *** Recording of 5054.60, TICTR [sic; it was TIFC --- gh] Faro del Caribe, San Jos . As I have said before I still have recordings made with my old receiver NRD 535 and Faro del Caribe is one of them. Has been inactive for a very long time and perhaps forever. Has always, as I remember, had distorted signal so the sound on this recording is "normal" for Faro del Caribe. Beleive me or not but this is the first time I have a station from Costa Rica on this ID-site. Station's web-site: <http://www.farodelcaribe.org/> Comments, photos and recordings at: <http://www.malm-ecuador.com> 73s (Bj rn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 770 Rebelde, Pil n; 08 1343Z JUL 05; PVZ

770 Rebelde heard late Sunday [sic] evening, QTH: Pil n, N 77.19 W 19.56. Heard daytime aboard MSC MS Opera, early DEC '04, offshore NE Cuban coast. Station ex-Reloj. No listing WRTH. Rough LOB's corroborate sole "Dr. Dre" listing for frequency, who in turn cites more than one source. Who'da thought Andre was a DX'er? Barefoot DX-398 on both receptions. FCC lists Pilon as sole emitter this freq, call letters CMNC, one tower array. -Z.- (Paul Vincent Zecchino, Manasoviet Key, FL, BT, IRCA via DXLD) Pil n previously reported as a hard-hit area (gh)

Subject: [DXFlorida] Cubans MIA --- During my usual mid afternoon Wobbler scan I found 680 CMJV, Ciego de  vila, R. Rebelde, and 750 CMHV, Sancti Spiritus, R. Rebelde/R. Progreso, both off the air or much lower strength than in the past. This time yesterday 680 was S8, and 750 was S7 even under the WSBF 740 IBOC. Today, nothing. Interestingly, these were two of the active Wobblers the last few days

(W. Curt Deegan, Boca Raton, (Southeast) Florida, [JRC NRD-535D, LF Engineering H-800 & M-601, Quantum Phaser, ANC-4 noise canceler, MFJ-784B DSP] <http://ScooterHound.com/WWWR/wobbler/> July 8 at 1638 [EDT?], IRCA via DXLD)

To follow up on my afternoon post: For the first time since I started monitoring Wobblers, I have heard none tonight, not even from a detailed scan at 2345 edt. During that scan I could not hear or even detect heterodynes from the stations I check for Wobblers, which means they were either off or operating on low power. The only exception is 1180 which is strong (S-9+20) as usual. Certainly understandable. Now to see what tomorrow will bring (W. Curt Deegan, Boca Raton, (Southeast) Florida, July 9, *ibid.*)

** CUBA. Haven't had a chance to do a scan yet (7:30 a.m. local as I type)... later today, since there's nothing else to do but stay in, as we're all wet now.

However, 530 off. 1180 is either the "other" transmitter located farther east (suspect), or the big one on greatly reduced power. Very fluttery, and Radio Martí-Marathon is at equal level, something never experienced here before.

1080 and 1120 Cadena Habana seemingly silent, too. 590 Musical silent. 950 Reloj threshold, suspect not the mega transmitter at Pastora, but the Sancti Spíritus or Santiago de Cuba site. Am guessing that most of Habana is without power; TV reports will tell shortly I guess.

The behemoth 640 Progreso is silent as well. Habana must be flattened. 640 with Elvis' "Blue Suede Shoes" and a pair of old phart announcers, whining about retention ponds and not being able to play golf. Mentioned "US-27" -- Ocala auto dealership spot. WVLG, Wildwood, I guess. Never heard them before, wow, with so many Cubans off, DX may be awesome day and night. Yup, "AM 640 WVLG" ID just now. I guess this means no airborne Martí tonight, just a little too bumpy, not enough airsick bags.

Wind predictions are 40-60 mph right on Pinellas coast later, which will be no problem here. But I have little faith in our rickety above-ground power poles and ancient grid here, so I am glad I have a generator, etc. this year (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another one bites the dust --- Add 5025 shortwave to the growing list of MIA's from Cuba. Paradise isn't looking so hot any more (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, 1343 UT July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11930 et al. nicely jammed. Status quo on directing what power

generating remains against Martí. Arnaldo Coro Antich must be prouder than ever. Venceremos! (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, 1405 UT July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Checking at 1255 UT July 9, Martí on 9565 had no audible jamming, nor did 7405, but OC on 11845 had a bit of bubbling, programming from 1300. 13630 and 13820 also only had barely audible jamming. My impression is that most, but not all the jammers are off. Of course, all RHC frequencies were still missing, so we were forced to listen to R. Martí for news about hurricane damage on the Island, which apparently has been extensive. CRI relay via Cuba on 9570 also missing, tho it doesn't take a hurricane to unavailablize that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

590.4, UNID(S); something popped up here, seemingly carrier-only. At the same time, carrier atop 590.0, 1740 GMT 9 July. Recheck 1817, the off-frequency thing is gone, but the carrier atop WDIZ remains. Musical Nacional slowly being revived?

640, CUBA Radio Progreso, Guanabacoa, Ciudad de la Habana; 1748 GMT 9 July with "línea eléctrica" updates for various provinces. Strong signal, back on indeed.

1180, CUBA, Radio Rebelde, Villa María (or Guanabacoa, depending on source), Ciudad de la Habana; back up around 1750 GMT 9 July, just as I predicted it would be next up. Suspect Guanabacoa is right, explaining one engineer and/or power up roughly paralleling 640 and this appearing together. 5025 shortwave still off, not at the same site of course.

BTW, heard a report that referenced the Cuban city of la Julia. To my surprise, they actually pronounced it "Jewel-ia" and not "Hu-lia." Interesting trivia (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, 1843 UT July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Habana Cuba finally got some power back, July 9 at 2143, with open carriers found on 11875, 11760 and 9550; at 2202 joined programming in progress, a round-table discussion of the hurricane damage. But a few minutes later a SW fadeout diminished the signals, great timing.

Earlier, during the single hour R. Martí is on 13m, there was pulse jamming clearly audible at 2108, at the rate of about 4 per second, mixing with Delano 21500, where there is usually no jamming to be heard. Conditions must have been up for Cuba and down for California (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5025 silent as I type, 2220 GMT 9 July, but David Potter reports they

were back up a little while ago. So they must be working on it. Oops, at 2225 5025 is back up and yes as Potter reports, just as strong as pre-Dennis.

9550 up awhile ago -- but not RHC, instead with Rebelde audio (or at least whatever Rebelde net is relaying), parallel 1180 (but alas, 1180 is now [again] hosed up, very weak, sometimes bumps up to full power for 1-2 seconds). Where's Arnie with his soldering iron when we need him?

I have to give Fidel's old engineering thugs full credit: they brought up the radio power across western Cuba far quicker than North Carolina-based capitalist, price-gouging asshole pig Progress Energy did in this area last year. Socialism is great. So, where's my rice allocation for July?

Two rain bands with 70+ mph, hopefully no more but the worst won't clear me until around midnight. So far, the main longwire and pirate FM stick survives Cool (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, 2231 UT July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000 also up and blowing in with the Rebelde audio relay, 2238 GMT 9 July. The Old Man is talking, very high-pitched, suspect he needs a little more high blood pressure meds tonight. Uh oh, winds picking up, about 50 now. Another band coming in I guess. Time to check the radar and get the dinner done while the power is stable (Terry Krueger, ibid.)

Saludos cordiales amigos, de vuelta al aire las emisoras cubanas Radio Habana en 6000 kHz y Radio Rebelde por 5025 kHz transmitiendo simult·neamente una programaci·n especial despuÈs del paso demoledor del Hurac·n Dennis (Dino Bloise, Hollywood, Florida, Estados Unidos, 0025 UT July 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

610, CUBA; 1029+ 10 July. Presume one of the Rebelde transmitters, just a horrid, loud buzz. WIOD weak underneath.

1120, CUBA, Radio Cadena Habana, Artemisa, La Habana; 0740+ 10 July. Loud, with peppy M&W, Cuban pop, brief snippet of Lennon's "Mother" track for whatever reason, time check and "Cadena Habana" by M.

1170, CUBA unidentified; no audio, just a wobbler. Is Trinchera Antiimperialista still here? Haven't logged Trinchy for ages on any channel (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. R. Rebelde, 11655, Sunday July 10 until 1302* concluding nice ``M'sica de su Vida`` program, love songs, which I think they said

started at 6 am; off without any ID but good signal till then. Cannot find a program schedule at the Rebelde website
<http://www.rrebelde.cu/index.htm> ñ link to ``Programaci n`` just leads back to the index page (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Me alegra saber que ya Radio Rebelde y Radio Habana Cuba est n en el aire normalmente; ayer s bado luego de regresar de la radio, estuve sintonizando a Radio Rebelde en 5025 kHz. Lo  nico que not  es que estaba transmitiendo mucha m sica pero no hab a locutor al aire en todo el tiempo que la escuch .

A Radio Habana Cuba la he sintonizado hace unos momentos con el programa "En Contacto" y tambi n promocionando la transmisi n del programa Al  Presidente. Pude notar que cuando el locutor anunciaba la noticia sobre la ayuda que enviar a Venezuela a la isla e iba a dar lectura a la misma, la transmisi n fue sacada del aire y se coloc  el bolet n de noticias de la radio, el que se transmite normalmente. El nombre del locutor cubano es Lorenzo Oquendo, quien dijo igualmente que de 1100 a 1130 AM hora cubana [1500-1530 UT] estar an transmitiendo el comienzo de Al  Presidente. Atte: (Jos  El as D az G mez, Venezuela, 1433 UT July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. TRABAJAN PARA RESTABLECER SERVICIOS B SICOS A LA POBLACI N
Por : Agencia de Informaci n Nacional.
<http://www.radioprogreso.co.cu/noticias/julio/noticia100705.htm>

Intensos trabajos se realizan en tres plantas generadoras y en el tendido de alta tensi n del centro y occidente de Cuba, para restablecer el Sistema El ctrico Nacional (SEN) despu s del pas  del hurac n Dennis.

V ctor Puentes, subdirector de la Uni n El ctrica, inform  hoy que el SEN funciona en la regi n oriental con las termoel ctricas Antonio Maceo (Rent ), Lidio Ram n (Felton) y 10 de Octubre (Nuevitas), y en el oeste de la provincia de La Habana y en Pinar del R o a partir del suministro de la de Mariel.

En la mesa redonda informativa sobre el paso del meteoro y las tareas de recuperaci n, se refiri  a la interrupci n del servicio de gas a Ciudad de La Habana y explic  que ya se comenz  a entregar energ a a las plantas de Melones y Marianao, y esta noche debe restablecerse la distribuci n de ese combustible dom stico.

Respecto al bombeo de agua, se al  que tambi n se trabaja para suministrar energ a a las estaciones de bombeo, y se espera que para la pr xima madrugada o la ma ana de este domingo llegue el agua a los hogares de la capital del pa s. Precisi  que se revisan las termoel ctricas de Cienfuegos, Matanzas y Santa Cruz del Norte (La

Habana) para echarlas a andar con energía transferida desde Mariel y sincronizarlas al SEN.

El derribo por el paso de "Dennis" de 28 torres de alta tensión en la parte central del país, provocó que las provincias de Sancti Spiritus, Villa Clara, Cienfuegos, Matanzas, Ciudad de La Habana y parte del este de La Habana carezcan de fluido eléctrico y que el Sistema opere dividido en dos durante unos días, explicó.

Puentes dijo que se trabaja para cuantificar los daños al tendido eléctrico, severamente afectado en varios territorios del país, principalmente en Granma, sur de Camagüey, Ciego de Ávila, Sancti Spiritus, Cienfuegos, Matanzas, La Habana y Ciudad de La Habana.

Finalmente apuntó que se preparan contingentes de trabajadores de la Unión Eléctrica de diversas provincias para trasladarse a los lugares castigados por el meteoro. (R. Progreso website July 10 via DXLD)

NOAA has a story about the extent of damage on the island. We may be rid of Cuban AM interference for a while.

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/refresh/MIATCUAT4+.shtml/081910.shtml>

(Denny Bouchard, July 8, NRC-AM via DXLD) {Content of this page must have been changed, by July 10 --gh}

** ETHIOPIA. By far the strongest station from Ethiopia in the past few weeks has been R. Fana on 6940. Good indicator for Eastern Africa conditions. Fade-in in central Europe around 1645 (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germany, <http://africa.coolfeepage.com/africalist> July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE MUSIC ITALY: 6878.1, Jul 5, 0000-0102, Thanks to an alert from Dr. Tim, I first tuned this station in on a web receiver in England. I was surprised at the signal strength, as this station claimed to be using low power. By 0000 I could hear some weak audio on my receiver in New York. I recognized "What a Feeling" at 0011, and that the announcements were in Italian, as this station was relaying an Italian FM station. An e-mail from the station operator, McGiver confirmed he was only running 30 watts on an R&S SK010 transmitter. SINPO 23232 (Maroti, NY)

RADIO ALPENROOS: 9269v, Jun 26, 2221-0009*, Detected their carrier at 1st on 9269.1, but it eventually drifted down to 9268.84. Audio started fading in around 2252, when I heard a ballad by Elvis Presley. Can't Help Falling in Love at 2301. ID 2309 & phonetic spelling of e-mail address, then instrumental electronic music. Live and Let Die at 2343. Closing announcements 0004, carrier off 0009. During the peak in propagation, SINPO was 13332. Thanks for the test! (Maroti, NY)

RADIO FREE LONDON: 6275, Jul 3, 0105-0130, "Teenage Dirtbag" at tune-in, then Bohemian Rhapsody. ID @0115. SINPO 33232 (Maroti, NY)

RADIO SPACE SHUTTLE: 15810/L, Jul 7, 0150-0228, At tune-in, I could easily copy the Hollies' He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother, then pre-recorded ID. Although the signal strength was very weak, the noise levels were too. It was easier to copy the music audio compared to the live voice announcements (George Maroti, NY, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

** GERMANY. A small amendment re Rohrdorf 666: The silent periods of this transmitter are the same as introduced for 828 and 1485 a while ago, i.e. Mon-Fri 2100-0300 (winter 2200-0400), Sat+Sun 2100-0500 (winter 2200-0600). This means that for the first daily transmission hour, still MDR Info will be carried, since SWR cont.ra relays MDR Info Mon-Fri 2100-0400, Sat+Sun 2100-0556 (also here in winter one UT hour later of course).

Noel asked about FM: SWR cont.ra is not on FM, with the small exception of a 300 watts transmitter on the roof of the SWR broadcasting house at Stuttgart (91.5 MHz). Actually SWR was not supposed to produce this sixth program at all, but they rolled it out by declaring it to be a DAB project while putting it on mediumwave (plus satellite for home listening) for a real world audience. So if a listener in southern Baden-Württemberg now wants to listen to the overnight relay of MDR Info and has poor reception on 576 and 1017: Bad luck. And here is a recording of SWR cont.ra wrapping up before 2100, with the described listeners fee lament, an accurate carrier cut and the line generator of one of my neighbours' TV:
http://www.radioeins.de/_/meta/sendungen/apparat/050709_a1.ram
Good night, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GOA. Finally, a very nice f/d 'View of Five Rathas' QSL card in exactly 6 months from New Delhi confirming my reception of AIR Panaji (GOA) for an e-mail reception report to S. Jayarman, Supt. Eng. concerning their requests for reports from that site back in January. I sent his copy of the e-mail via snail-mail (which he could not confirm as the program originated in New Delhi) to New Delhi. The card was signed by V. K. Sharma with all of the pertinent information for 11740 kHz at 1530 to 1545 UT in a black 'Sharpie' pen. However, written in blue underneath was the additional frequency of 9820 kHz with an indecipherable signature near the other. I've been after AIR Panaji for about 11 years. C/V #223 per NASWA (Terry Palmersheim, KC7LDP, Helena, MT, July 9, HCDX via DXLD)

The AIR transmitter on 9820 still suffers from squeals, as noted July 9 at 1328 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. 7125, Radio Guinea, Conakry, 2205, 07-07; Esta emisora había estado inactiva en días pasados. Programa en francés, noticias, locutor, música vernícula. También escuchada 0632, 08-07 con música vernícula y programa en francés. 34333 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Esta noche en los 7410 All India Radio emitiendo en francés. No me consta esta frecuencia en francés; alguien sabe si se trata de algún cambio en los últimos días o puede ser alguna emisión accidental? Ha sido escuchada desde las 2020 a 2030, con locutora en francés y comentarios, final de emisión, música Indí, SINPO 55433 (Jose Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), España, July 8, Noticias DX via DXLD)

Per WRTH 2005: French is at 1945-2030, supposed to be on 9905, 13605, 13620, while Hindi is on 7410 and 9950 at 1945-2045. I suppose they got their feedlines crossed at some point (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. On 9690 from 1330, AIR opening English to SE Asia, also announcing 11620 and 13710, into news; fair (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also GOA

** INDONESIA. 2959.96, RPDT Manggarai, Ruteng, Flores, Timor, Jul 3 1255 - Fair to good reception of this reliable Indo with Indonesian talk. Always very impressive for 300w listed.

3976.05, RRI Pontianak, Borneo, Jul 3 1324 - Very good reception with EZL Indonesian music. OM announcer accepted a call, mentioning 'program', and 'bye'. Then several 'hello', but with no answer. Pontianak mentioned at 1331:20.

4789.98, [RRI] Radio Fak-Fak, West Papua, Jul 3 1340 - Very good reception with a speech being carried with clapping with excellent audio, then back to the studio with the usual muffled audio. Then low modulation talk by OM with piano background. Spoiled by CODAR (Volodya Salmaniw, Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, HCDX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. VOI, 15136.35, July 9, 1601-1625, Kor'an and Arabic programming, English ID for RRI Overseas Service, with website given, weak, // 9525, good (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, NRD545, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15136.13, VOI, at 2030 UT on 8 July. English service with pops and commentary. Good signal. At 0825 on 9 July, also on 15136.13 with English service. Both are \\ 9524.9 (Masahiro Umemura, JH9RUI, July 9, <http://homepage3.nifty.com/yuu-chan/wwwdx.com> via Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

**** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [and non]. MONITORING NASA COMMUNICATIONS**

Here is the latest list of NASA frequencies worldwide. This list was originally compiled and presented by Larry Van Horn, Monitoring Times Assistant Editor, at the 1995 Grove Communications Expo. It was later updated by Bob Grove during a subsequent shuttle launch. After that trip Larry Van Horn has been updating the list as new information has become available to us.

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The Monitoring Times Magazine NASA-Space Shuttle Mission Frequency Guide, By Larry Van Horn, Assistant Editor . . .
<http://www.monitoringtimes.com/nasa.html>
(via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1280, DXLD)

BTW, here in Enid, we normally have NASA TV on cable access channel 11, Pegasys, M-F 1600-1900 UT, but since NASA's switch to a digital satellite feed, it's been missing. Tho no one told the person responsible for compiling the program schedule roll which occupies great gobs of unproductive hours per day, now 14 instead of 11. Pegasys says NASA will be off for a couple of weeks while they install a digital receiver! There had been several months' notice of the impending change, as reported here in DXLD! Great timing, with Deep Impact, and the runup to space shuttle's return to space. Will Pegasys have NASA back by July 13? Don't count on it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** IRAQ. Re 5-112: ``According to TDP, <http://www.tdp.info/irq.html> the 16 x 500 kW site called ``Balad`` above is Salah el Din``**

--- Probably put under ``Balad`` because the Balad airbase is more widely known. Also MSN Mappoint finds Balad only. I just went through various pictures from there but found no any trace of the shortwave site (curtains on the horizon etc.). Apparently it is not located in the immediate neighbourhood of the airbase. And of course this is not the other Salah el Deen in Iraqi Kurdistan.

``Abu Ghraib [note spelling here too --- where have I heard that name before?] 6 x 250; Babel 4 x 500; Salman Pack [sic] with 4 x 100, 18 x 50, 8 x 10 and 1 x 16 kW``

--- Well, I was thinking ``where have I heard that name before`` when

the news from Abu Ghraib emerged, since I went through the matter of shortwave sites in Iraq already in 2003. Apparently all three sites were marked in this map:

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/baghdad_iraq_80.jpg

Babel is perhaps represented by the ``412 (300)`` symbol in eastern Baghdad. The Abu Ghraib and Salman Pak sites are quite obvious.

Salman Pak was listed as origin of the Radio Baghdad shortwave transmissions in recent years, but I wonder if this was real information or rather speculation, gained from the circumstance that these transmissions did not sound like coming from professional 250 kW transmitters.

By the way, it seems to me that not a single one of the main mediumwave transmitters in Iraq has been reactivated so far, not even the two 300 kW units loosely listed as ``Baghdad`` and probably located at either Abu Ghraib, Babel and/or Salman Pak. Still intact at all?

See also this:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/specials/1246_IraqiMedia/index.shtml

And here is a glimpse into a Radio Baghdad control room (in the now destroyed TV building?) in 2002:

<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/iraq/press.html>

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Cari amici, Vorrei segnalarvi delle modificazioni nel programma delle trasmissioni in onda corta di Kol Israel, rispetto a quello pubblicato sul sito di BCLnews: -invece della trasmissione in Mograbit alle 1015 UT ho ascoltato una trasmissione in Georgiano - l'emissione in Ladino (Giudeospagnolo) viene messa in onda tutti i giorni (anche il sabato) soltanto dalle 1645 alle 1700 UT --- il sabato il programma che viene trasmesso dalle 1600 alle 1630 su 11605 kHz e bilinguo (Spagnolo/Ladino). Come già notato, anche in questo giorno c'è il programma Ladino "normale" a partire dalle 16.45 sulle solite frequenze. 73 dalla Romania, (Cristian Mocanu, July 5, bclnews.it via DXLD)

** LAOS [non]. Hmong Lao Radio, via WHRI South Carolina, 11785, Sunday July 10 at 1317 with what sounded like a Jew's harp, really neat rustic music. I just wish they would play more of it during their weekly hours, Sat 1200 and Sun 1300. Excellent reception here, if not in Laos (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. 5470, Radio Veritas, 2140, 07-07, locutor, comentarios, vernc'lo e inglÈs. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, July 8, Grundig

Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6010, Radio Mil, 0610-0650, 08-07, Locutor, canciones latinoamericanas, señal muy débil. Muy ligera interferencia de La Voz de tu Conciencia con programa de canciones, en paralelo con 5910, pero sin apenas molestar, ya que se escucha muy muy débil, disminuyendo la interferencia drásticamente con relación a hace un tiempo. Para poder identificar la emisora colombiana, por detrás de Radio Mil, fue necesario comparar varias veces la señal en 6010 con la de 5910 que llegaba bastante fuerte. 13221. Parece que La Voz de tu Conciencia hizo ajustes en la antena, ¿para evitar interferir a Radio Mil? pues está llegando con señal casi inaudible, cuando antes lo hacía bastante fuerte. Seguiré atento a estas frecuencias, para ver si la debilidad con la que llega la colombiana es debido a una causa temporal por mala propagación o se mantiene así permanentemente (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also COLOMBIA

** MEXICO. Checking for XEXQ again on 6045, Sunday July 10, could not hear it before 1300, but at 1305 a brief peak with music, announcement in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Geophysical Alert Message # Solar-terrestrial indices for 09 July follow. Solar flux 107 and mid-latitude A-index 15
The mid-latitude K-index at 1200 UTC on 10 July was 4 (63 nT).
The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 10 July was 5 (95 nT).
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been minor. Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level occurred. Radio blackouts reaching the R1 level occurred (SEC via DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. Extra XETRA: An application for Section 325 (c) permit to deliver Spanish language programming to AM 690 is being processed by the Federal Communications Commission. The station is owned by XETRA Comunicaciones, S.A. de C.V. A sale to W3 Comm Concesionaria, S.A. de C.V. is pending before the Mexican Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transporte. XETRA is presently programmed by Clear Channel Communications in LA. The expected shift to Spanish-based talk and news could occur before September (SDRadio.net July 8 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 3935.07, ZLXA, Jul 3 1250 - Much better heard here, than in recent years in Grayland or Victoria. Good reception with relay of National Radio discussing American involvement in Iraq (Volodya Salmaniw, Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, HCDX via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 4770, R. Kaduna missing again. 15120, VON missing July 6 + this morning (July 9), also 15250 is clear. No signal on 15250

yesterday, but normal service on 7255/15120 (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germany, <http://africa.coolfeeeepage.com/africalist> July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Retraxion/correxion:

Saludos cordiales, respecto a una escucha de la V. of Nigeria del pasado 3 de Julio, publicué por error 15250, revisando las anotaciones a mano me he dado cuenta que anoté 15120 que es la frecuencia real. Disculpas por la equivocación. 15120 3 Jul V. of Nigeria, 1030-1045, Inglés, locutora con comentarios y música de fondo, música africana, SINPO 44433. Atentamente (José Miguel Romero, Spain, HCDX via DXLD)

** OMAN. 15140 Jul 8 1400- OMA: R Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait. Per Noel Green tip, the other Omani SW tx noted back on the air and in English at this time. Reading dedications and playing Sade's "Smooth Operator" after the news (Mauno Ritola, Finland, HCDX online log via DXLD)

15140, 9.7 1430, Radio Sultanate of Oman med engelska. Troligen dÅligt ljud. 3 CB (Christer Brunstr m, Sweden, SW Bulletin via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Re 5-112, ANALYSIS: PAKISTAN'S ELECTRONIC MEDIA MARKET GATHERING PACE | ``According to the latest figures from UNESCO, around 35 per cent of Pakistan's population is illiterate, a figure which reveals that around 65 per cent of the population rely on radio and television as the major source for news.`` (BBCM)

This doesn't make sense, as it would be the illiterate portion who have to rely on radio and TV, rather than newspapers. And there would certainly be a significant portion of the literate population who nevertheless rely on radio and TV rather than print, so the two figures would not add up to 100 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PARAGUAY. 9737, 2210-2215, 07-07, Locutor, "Temperatura en Asunción, 12 grados, humedad 72%, cielo despejado. Identificación: "Radio Nacional del Paraguay". Narración de un acto de inauguración del Presidente de la República, Doctor Nicanor Duarte, discurso del Presidente. 34333 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, España, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cantábrico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA [non]. xxxxxxxxxxx Breaking News xxxxxxxxxxx
LONDON'S EXTREMIST RADIO TAJDEED OFF THE AIR
By Nick Grace, July 10, 2005

London-based Party for Islamic Renewal, a Saudi exile group sympathetic with and widely believed to be tied to the Saudi branch of al Qaeda, has pulled its Radio al-Tajdeed (Radio Islamic Renewal) off the air. Clandestine Radio Watch (CRW) noted the removal of the audio

feed on July 9.

An announcement on the group's Web site, tajdeed.net, and translated from Arabic by CRW states:

"In the Name of Allah, the Benificent, the Merciful.

"And the prayer and greeting on the militants' master and the inexperienced leader, auspicious Mohamed Bin Abdullah, peace be upon him.

"Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.

"And till now... We wish to draw the attention of our noble pioneers that the site of the Tajdeed forum and Islamic recordings is closing because of an artistic failure in some server issues and not, as it has been spread, because of the recent events that befell Britain or because of the intervention of the authorities. The matter does not exceed that it is an artistic failure.

"The site will return during the coming hours, God willing, just after the change of the damaged pieces with new ones.

"The Renewal site administration"

While the live Internet feed remains offline the Tajdeed audio recordings section and forum message board are accessible. In fact, CRW notes, the a message posted to the forum message board on at 5:14 am on July 7, 2005, is an announcement of a new 46-minute video from "the Media Department of al-Qaeda."

<http://www.tajdeed.org.uk/forums/showthread.php?s=3856c4cc1b989a3c7d7eec24fbc25457&threadid=36346>

The video is hosted on multiple servers and Web sites and begins with archival footage of Usama bin Laden, footage of warfare from Iraq and an Arabic-language statement of a kidnapped government official inside Iraq. Among the sites that host the video is <http://www.alafalam.net/Wdk1/index.htm>.

Shortly thereafter a post titled "A series of explosions shake London" announces initial media reports of the explosions and asks "Did Abu Musab (al-Zarqawi) execute his threat?"

<http://www.tajdeed.org.uk/forums/showthread.php?s=3856c4cc1b989a3c7d7eec24fbc25457&threadid=36716>

Later in the morning another post states "(T)he British are extremely

spiteful and have a hatred of Islam and Muslims and are from the colonial power that had the most negative influence on the Islamic Nation..." It goes on to discuss the history of Israel and Palestine.

<http://www.tajdeed.org.uk/forums/showthread.php?s=3856c4cc1b989a3c7d7eec24fbc25457&threadid=36724>

CRW could not find condemnation of the terrorist strike anywhere on the Tajdeed message board or Web site.

Radio al-Tajdeed, which is transmitted to the Middle East over the French Eutelsat Hotbird satellite from studios in London, is sponsored by Mohammed al-Massari and funded through donations collected from listeners. The station was raided on May 6 by British authorities in connection to an investigation of suspected ties with the kidnappers of an Australian national inside Iraq. On May 21 it broadcast a speech by "Sheik" Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Al-Massari is a vocal critic of the West despite his legal residence in the U.K. Since the 1990's he has fronted several organizations in the U.S. and Europe that had ties to al Qaeda and Usama bin Laden. In 1996 he helped Khalid al Fawwaz, who participated in the 1998 African embassy terror attacks, set up a press office for bin Laden in London.

Among his associates is Saad Rashed Mohammed al-Fagih, whose own radio program, Sawt al-Islah (Voice of Reform), returned to the airwaves on July 7 from the same Eutelsat satellite used by Radio al-Tajdeed. Al-Fagih was declared a Specially Designated Global Terrorist by the U.S. Department of State in December 2004. In fact, the widely reported declaration of responsibility for the London terror strike by the "Secret Organization of al Qaeda in Europe" was posted on Al-Qalah (The Castle), which is run by al-Fagih.

Another close associate of al-Massari is Sheikh Omar Bakri Mohammed, who runs al-Muhajiroun (The Immigrants), an extremely vocal group in London and New York City that advocates international jihad for "the worldwide domination of Islam" and declared the UK "immune" from Islamist terror. Richard Reid, the Trans-Atlantic shoe bomber, and Zacarias Moussaoui, widely believed to have been the 20th September 11 hijacker, were members of the group.

Authorities in Pakistan, according to local press reports, have detained and are interrogating Zeeshan Siddique, a 25-year old British national, as a possible link to Thursday's attack. Siddique is reportedly a member of al-Muhajiroun.

Both al-Fagih and Bakri Mohammed have appeared on Radio al-Tajdeed programs.

CLANDESTINE RADIO WATCH 185 Extra A July 10, 2005 --- CRW is the biweekly online magazine for ClandestineRadio.com, the Web's only portal on clandestine broadcasting and subversive media.
<http://www.ClandestineRadio.com> The full online issue can be read at:
<http://www.ClandestineRadio.com/crw/crw.php?id=253> (CRW via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 17660, 6.7 1459, Sudan Radio Service via Woofferton, UK, med s/on, engelsk og mange IDs: "You are listening to Sudan Radio Service dedicated to peace and development in Sudan. In the morning we're at 11665 kHz from 6 to 8 a.m. and 15325 kHz from 9 a.m. In the evening we're at 17660 kHz from 6 to 9 a.m. You can also hear us on the web at <http://www.sudanradio.org>". Lidt halvsvag modulation, men signalstyrken blev m rkbart bedre i l bet af et kvarters tid. 34444 BV (Bjarke Vestesen, Denmark, SW Bulletin via DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, 0516, 08-07, canciones en ingl s, 24222 (Manuel M ndez, Lugo, Espa a, July 8, Grundig Satellit 500, antena de cable, 10 metros; Lugar de Escucha: Reinante, costa del Mar Cant brico, 90 Km. N de Lugo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAHITI. 738, FRENCH POLYNESIA, RFO Papeete, Jul 5 1233 - Strongest station on the MW band with French programming, but cochannel with a weaker station. Don't know who. Also Jul 3 1215 - Good reception with French talk. Being closer to my N/S oriented Beverage, as expected, Papeete was heard at reasonably good strength (Volodya Salmaniw, Tow Hill, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, HCDX via DXLD)

** U K. Unlike so many others, I guess I'm still a happy BBC listener. I was never one to sit and listen to them for hours on end, but I certainly listened every day, and usually several times a day --- and still do. The only thing that jarred me into action with their last series of cuts, was the loss of the science shows each evening. I knew there were several other airings, but I wasn't sure when, so I sent for their program and frequency guides. When they came, I checked out every single listing, and here's what I found out. I found 14 times when the science series was scheduled for a target area, but with no transmitters on the air. I found seven more times when it was on frequencies I couldn't receive. Finally I found four times when it was on frequencies I *could* receive:

BBC WEEKDAY SCIENCE SERIES   Frequencies heard in western NY state

1400 15485 15565 17640
1600 15400 17830 21470
1900 9410
2200 15400

Of course, all these are for Europe and Africa, so reception isn't always the best, but at least I can listen to them (Pete Bentley, E Aurora NY, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. Unhappy, here. BBC screws over its SW listeners again: Saturday July 9 at 2101, 15390 French Guiana carried Play of the Week, this time, ``The Madness of King George III``. I was too busy ham DXing to give it my undivided, and a good thing too, since when I rechecked at 2159 the signal cut off as it is supposed to daily. Trouble is, this was one of those Plays which run over an hour, in fact scheduled for a sesquihour. So listeners unfortunate enough to trust BBCWS and get into the drama were left hanging. No closing announcement. No apology. No suggestion of frequency for retuning. Just gone, TS. Nothing else followed on 15390, so they could have kept it on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. Our sorrow for bombings in London --- Dear columnist, I am a Muslim man living in Istanbul. Me and my family are very sorry about the bombings in London. We damn such barbaric act committed not only against people of London, but against human being, human values and humanity. We especially feel very bad about all happenings which are being committed for the name of Islam. We share deep sorrow of all those who feel themselves as part of humanity and damn that kind of barbaric crime. May Allah bless us and damn astray criminals like Usama. Regards. (Ertan Asan, Istanbul, July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC SEEKS AID TO MOUNT TV CHALLENGE TO AL-JAZEERA

THE BBC is calling for government assistance to create a 24-hour World Service Arabic television news channel to challenge al-Jazeera.

Yesterday's attacks in London have made the creation of a channel trusted to deliver impartial news to Middle East viewers ó estimated to cost £25 million a year ó more urgent, BBC executives said.

Distrust of Western news suppliers in the Arabic world since the Iraq invasion is beginning to subside. The World Service will release figures today showing that its global audience increased last year by three million to 149 million listeners.

The World Service is now the biggest speech radio station in Iraq, where its weekly audiences have increased to 3.3 million (22 per cent of the radio audience) from 1.8 million (13 per cent) last year.

Independent surveys show that 43 per cent of opinion formers in Iraq listen to the service every week. The increase follows the rapid establishment of BBC FM relays in key areas, including Baghdad, Mosul,

Kirkuk and Basra.

In Afghanistan, the BBC attracted 2.8 million listeners in five provinces it surveyed. Its Pashto and Persian services in Kabul had a 60 per cent reach.

Surveys showed that in markets including Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia and the US the World Service is regarded as the most objective international broadcaster compared with its main competitors.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office asked the BBC to develop plans for an Arabic World Service television service. But Nigel Chapman, director of the World Service, said that the Government grant-in-aid that funds the operation, set for £239 million next year, is not sufficient to cover the start-up costs of a new channel. "We know there is a demand for a trusted, impartial news provider in the Middle East," he said. "Satellite and cable take-up is galloping away in the region, challenging radio. It is a matter of urgency that we have a combined television and online news presence."

The Foreign Office has declined to provide additional funds for the channel, but negotiations are continuing. Mr Chapman said: "£25 million a year is pretty good value for money, given the benefits it will bring to the BBC brand."

The World Service broadcasts in 43 languages and is transforming itself from a shortwave radio broadcaster into a multimedia network. The BBC international news website recorded 324 million hits in March alone.

Mandarin language broadcasts are regularly blocked in China, but aggressive marketing has won back listeners to the World Service in India.

Rolling coverage of yesterday's attacks replaced normal English-language programmes on the World Service. Mr Chapman said: "Like our coverage of the tsunami and other emergencies it showed the value of reliable, impartial news delivered in a sober tone."

(The Times, July 8th via Mike Barraclough, DXLD) See also SAUDI ARABIA

** U S A. TOMLINSON AND JACKSON RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL LETTER

Dateline: WASHINGTON, 07/05/05. In a letter signed by thirty-two United States Representatives, Broadcasting Board of Governors Chariman, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson and Voice of America Director, David S. Jackson were urged to cease any plans currently in process to move the

overnight English news writing jobs to Hong Kong. The letter was dated June 30, 2005.

In addition to Representative Chris Van Hollen (whose office initiated the letter) the following Representatives also signed the letter: Jim Moran, John Dingell, John Conyers, Jr., George Miller, Jose Serrano, Julie Carson, Jerry Costello, Elijah Cummings, Peter DeFazio, Sam Farr, Barney Frank, Ra'l Grijalva, Rush Holt, Darlene Hooley, Dale Kildee, Marcy Kaptur, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Barbara Lee, Edward Markey, Jim McDermott, Major Owens, Frank Pallone, Bernard Sanders, Janice Schakowsky, Louis Slaughter, Edolphus Towns, Peter Visclosky, Diane Watson, Lynn Woolsey, Eliot Engel, and Tim Ryan.

AFGE Local 1812 thanks all these Representatives for standing up for Americans. It seems that the BBG Chairman and the VOA Director need to be reminded of what the "A" in VOA stands for. This is not too surprising when you consider that Director Jackson changed the VOA logo from red, white, and blue to green, white, gray and blue. (AFGE Local 1812 via DXLD)

** U S A. Comparing VOA music show in English, Sat July 9 during the 2100 hour, 15445 Greenville was remarkably under-modulated, compared to Morocco 15410, which had a much weaker signal but louder sound (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: Allan Weiner Worldwide, WBCQ, July 2 2005 at 0000 --- Well, when I was trying it and posted that, the "play" button would never work. It appeared to load a zero-length file, I think.

But, anyway, the issue is moot. That AWWW program WAS repeated on-air, on 7415 in the 2100 UT hour before WoR on 2200 UT Wednesday. It was NOT particularly obscene or profanity-laden, despite the description posted here. However, there WAS a one-minute blank at about 2130 UT; it's possible that there was a particularly vulgar spurt of speech right then that was edited out of the recording when AW thought better of it.

I found it an admirably libertarian rant, interestingly combining a paranoid sense of impending government oppression with a disparaging contempt for some of the traditional SW-talk-show paranoia like the chemtrails conspiracies, etc.

What surprised me was the strongly Christian slant to much of AW's diatribe. I knew he was Jewish in heritage, and thought that he was also in personal religious belief, but his imagery and references to the divine were explicitly Christian in nature.

I did miss the very start of the repeat broadcast, but he seemed to be

amping-up his tirade during what I heard, so I believe that I didn't miss any really outrageous comments. What really amused me was his conviction that his broadcasts, especially this specific AWWW opinion program, are carefully monitored by the faceless government jackbooted-thugs and that they'd be coming to get him down the line. This I really doubt. 73, (Will Martin, MO, July 9, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Could not hear WRMI 7385 at 1250 check Sunday July 10; however at 1307 seemed to be an open carrier, very much overshadowed by another ``Miami`` station, Martí 7405 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Happened to notice that 7385 kHz had dead air (open carrier) at 0537 UT 7/9/05 tune-in. Was still dead later in that hour when I re-checked. I thought that would have been Bro Stair; he (or a recording) WAS on-air at that time via WWRB on 5085 with a current-topic commentary on the London bombings. Amusingly, he had a heck of a time pronouncing "Netanyahu", to whom he referred repeatedly, claiming that the Israelis and the British authorities knew of the bombings in advance.

Speaking of pronunciation, I heard the WYFR "mailbag" program later in which the female co-host insisted on repeatedly pronouncing Eritrea as "err-rit-ree-ah" instead of "er-it-ray-a". I always wonder what listeners in the target countries whose language is so mangled by English-speaking radio announcers think of this. Might make them mad, though I guess WYFR's listeners are expected to be forgiving... :-) I know that *I* get infuriated when so many BBC announcers mis-pronounce "apartheid" as "apart-hate" -- I consider it totally unprofessional embedded editorializing (and also so outdated as to be idiotic). 73, (Will Martin, MO, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KTBN missing from 15590 at 2012 UT July 9 and several subsequent checks during next two hours. Also missing from 7505 at 1310 UT check July 10. One can only hope this abomination is done for, as TBN has been reported previously to be on the verge of closing it for lack of interest (theirs, and donors). However, unexplained temporary absences have happened before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ANGUILLA

** U S A. During a rare spate of hamband tuning, at 2134 UT July 9 on 14264-USB (slightly off frequency), I came upon WOMTL/marine mobile, a special events station, frequently mentioning that he was celebrating the 50th anniversary of National Tom Sawyer Day, aboard the Mark Twain Riverboat in the Mississippi River at Hannibal MO. At 2136 Bob worked W1XQ, 57. QSL certificate via AB9DU with a 9x12 inch SASE. Did not say whether SWLs were eligible (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** U S A. Hurricane Dennis-related logs by Terry Krueger, Clearwater:

1603+ GMT 9 July. Hey guys, especially you all on the FL west coast. Check out 590. Just dawned on me that with Musical Nacional missing, I should be hearing the Clewiston station with the Mexican format. But instead, nearly local level, is "Your tourist information station, Panama City Beach, A-M 590, WFLA." Real calls are WDIZ (with apologies to my old Orlando radio friends of the 1970's, where the ***real*** WDIZ once was). Never heard this thing here, must be running the night power of 2.5 kW daytime due to impending Hurricane Dennis, not that the long, canned tourist loops are of any use. And I can't believe Clear Channel of all corporations would run this kind of canned format. Up for sale? You'd think the Panama City-area Clear Channel cluster would link all stations to the hub station, like they do here (with WFLA -- the real one that is -- on 970 kHz) as the primary audio source when a hurricane is pointed at your throat (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, 1617 UT July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST) More:

940, FLORIDA, WPTI814 Pinellas County, Largo; usual automated flipping back-and-forth from canned "safety" messages to live UHF NOAA Weather Radio audio, but with worse than usual 60 cycle hum making listening awful, 1745+ GMT July 9. [what about WINZ?? --- gh]

Around 1725 GMT, we took a huge wind shear and driving rain, the window next to the radios literally vibrated for three minutes nonstop. I estimated the gusts at 70 m.p.h., and how good I was at that; local WTVT Channel 8 reported five minutes later that the nearby Sand Key Coast Guard Station measured the wind at 71 m.p.h. Took a power blip just after that point, but things back up OK now. Many tree branches down here, the potted plumeria (foolishly not removed from the yard this morning) is in the neighbors' yard right now, but not bad so far (presumably thanks to having had the tree pruned last week). (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, 1843 UT July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

590, FLORIDA, WDIZ, Panama City; 1022+ 10 July. End of Country song, then 5:24 time check by man, mentioning he was with [one of the] station's General Manager and that "...all of our Clear Channel radio stations are in sync..." due to Hurricane Dennis, then referenced the FM frequencies, took calls at 769-1400 and 872-9930.

800, UNID; 1031+ 10 July. Nonstop lounge lizard instrumentals, until 1041 slow male Spanish Christian vocal ("...coraz n... Mar a, Mar a...") so presume not WPLK, Palatka (listed as Music Of your Death format, 1000/335 watts). Lost around 1051.

1160, UNID "--- 11-60"; 0935+ 10 July. Latin pop/rap, man "... en Once Sesenta" and into ballad. Central American? WEWC, Callahan, Florida? Or is this one active: WOYE 1160 kHz Format: cp-new Licensed: St. Cloud, FL; Owner: Jose J. Arzuaga. Facilities: 2500w/500w DA-2 B; Transmitter: 28 16' 15" N 81 19' 60" W; APP: move to Kissimmee, 0 2500w/500w DA-3 B Transmitter: 28 17' 42" N 81 22' 22".

1310, is hot, ALABAMA, WHEP, Mobile; 0743+ GMT 10 July. Stumbled upon nonstop Mobile NOAA Weather Radio relay here, fair to good level and mixing with the below. "This is the National Weather Service forecast for Mobile and surrounding areas..." and reference to "SW Alabama and NW Florida," also "Butler County" Alabama. DTMF activation alert at 0807. Presumed the one, listed 2500w ND D D. Foley is just east of Mobile Bay.

1390, UNID (USA); 1014+ huge low rumble beat, seemingly open carrier only and someone a hair off-frequency. Carrier prior to sign-on? Audio up at 1016 with kid voice "OK have a good weekend, see ya." Then back to carrier. Maybe the Gainesville, FL Disney Radio format tuning up? Adult Standards format station weak underneath at times, presume that one is non-Florida per format.

1410, ALABAMA WIQR, Prattville; 0906+ 10 July. Another one that must be running day power. Tune-in to English emergency shelter info, "call 361-4841 for Autauga County shelter updates" then Spanish ID "WIQR, Radio Montgomery" followed by English man with brief reference to central Alabama. Into Spanish talk/calls hosted by man. Listed 5000/1000.

1480, FLORIDA, WKGC, Panama City Beach; 0843+ 10 July. Guessing this is the one. Yet another one with nonstop NOAA Weather Radio relay (this is a cheap way to run the lightbulb overnight when a storm is pending). Presume the one, listed 5000/74 watts ND-D, again presume running more power due to Hurricane Dennis. Refs to Pensacola, Apalachicola and various Florida panhandle counties. Possibly the Panama City NOAA; didn't seem to be parallel NOAA-Mobile (thus presume not WABB, Mobile).

1620, FLORIDA WNRP, Gulf Breeze; either running a few watts or off the air; no trace of the usually big signal at 1123 check, 10 July (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CUBA

** U S A. See <http://medianetwork.blogspot.com/> July 10 for a lot of links concerning H. Dennis, including blogs, live feeds from radio stations, via J. Marks (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 5-112, NBC Monitor on WALN Polka station at 0200 UT

Saturdays? NOT --- Great American Polka Weekend, instead as on their schedule at <http://polkas.com/waln/index.html> but they do have a section on the page about Monitor, linking to <http://www.monitorbeacon.com/> (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WNAR 1620 DX TESTS --- From Dave Schmidt: WNAR 1620 KHZ Lansdale, PA will be conducting a DAILY DX TEST at 0300 ELT [0700-0705 UT]. The test will consist of code IDs vetween 0300 til 0305 and continue until further notice. Reception reports with RETURN POSTAGE can be sent to David McCork, WNAR-AM, Box 18, Tylersport, PA 18971-0018. WNAR operates with a power of 100 MILLIWATTS! (The station was heard almost 5 miles from Lansdale on a recent trip to the area so it does get out very well). So there is a DX Challenge; let's see who hears this one! PS: Web page at <http://www.wnar-am.com> has full station info (Dave Schmidt via Paul Swearingen, July 9, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. Trash Radio --- Hi Glenn, While stopped in the Columbus, Ohio area today I tuned about the car radio and found the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio's station on 1630. Callsign is WPYF783 and they broadcast a continuing loop of solid waste and recycle information. They also have a web site <http://www.swaco.org> Really strange and the first time I've heard a landfill have a station! (Dale Rothert, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WA2XMN on the Air, Again --- FM Fans, WA2XMN will be on the air again Saturday, July 16, Starting at 12 Noon [1600 UT]. This time we'll be on 42.8 MC only, no simulcast or webcast. See the website for late updates, and QSL via email to this address. Regards, (Al Klase - N3FRQ, WA2XMN I.T. Department, <http://www.wa2xmnr.ar88.net/> via Ken Kopp, DXLD)

** U S A. KAGIN LIVE ON THE AIR, INTERNET THIS SUNDAY, JULY 10, WBAI-NY

Edwin Kagin, Kentucky State Director for American Atheists and founder of Camp Quest will be the guest this Sunday, July 10, 2005 on the "Equal Time for Freethought" program airing on New York radio channel WBAI, 99.5 FM.

The program will also be streamed live on the internet, and begins at 6:30 PM ET [2230 UT]. Visit <http://www.wbai.org> to listen in.

Time permitting, there will also be a phone-in segment where listeners may ask questions and make comments.

Mr. Kagin will be discussing Camp Quest which he founded a decade ago. It is the first residential summer camp in the history of the United

States for the children of Atheists, Freethinkers, Secular Humanists and other nonbelievers. More information can be found at <http://www.camp-quest.com>

WHO & WHAT: Edwin Kagin, Kentucky State Director for American Atheists and founder of Camp Quest live on radio, internet.

WHEN: Sunday, July 10, 2005 beginning at 6:30 PM.

WHERE: internet streaming, WBAI New York, 99.5 FM. "Equal Time for Freethought." MORE INFO: <http://www.wbai.org> (AMERICAN ATHEISTS is a nationwide movement that defends civil rights for Atheists; works for the total separation of church and state; and addresses issues of First Amendment public policy.) (AA Newsletter July 9 via DXLD)

** U S A. STEALTHY DISAPPEARANCE OF A PBS PROGRAM

Show schedule changed without explanation, and I finally was able to dig up what happened. Started a discussion thread on the PBS board, but as I just posted it, no responses yet. The thread's at: <http://discussions.pbs.org/viewtopic.pbs?t=31552>
(Clara Listensprechen, July 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A Commandeered PBS Program Retires? Without announcement or explanation, OETA has started re-running NOW on Sundays. They didn't used to. Couldn't figure out this head-scratcher til I made a point of watching what came after Washington Week on Friday. Usually, it's Wall Street Week with Fortune; on the Sunday re-run, it's usually Wall Street Journal Editorial which took the place of Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street when he fell ill. Wall Street Week with Fortune was MISSING!

Why? They and Maryland Public TV gave Rukeyser the unceremonious and denigrative boot after which issued quite a fight. For what? Just a 3-year coup? Somebody should have put Fortune out of its misery 3 years ago, IMHO, and SHAME on Maryland Public TV for even permitting this hijacking in the first place.

http://www.mpt.org/wsw/wsw_redirect.htm

New doofer financial program is Money Track, which for all the world sounds like its own infomercial. On its website one finds a particularly interesting character:

Quote: Debby Everett, Series Writer --- Developing and producing financial TV programs has been Debby's specialty since she launched her career at Financial News Network in 1981. Since then she has produced programming at CNBC, FOX, KNBC, and KGO.

Tomlinson strikes again.

In Case of Emergency, PBS Refugees can meet elsewhere. (via DXLD)

At least they gave Rukeyser credit for his rôle in the past on the valedictory redirect (gh)

** ZAMBIA. 4910, Radio One missing on July 8 (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germany, <http://africa.coolfeeeepage.com/africalist> July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Hi Glenn, As mentioned, SW Radio Africa left SW 15145 yesterday evening 8th July. No station sign on this evening 9th July at 1700; at 1701 the usual jamming started on what is now an empty frequency (David Pringle-Wood, Harare, Zimbabwe, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6015: July 8, 1642 (fair signal improving until 1700) onwards: traditional music with drum and a kind of guitar or so, at 1658 followed by polka (!). Only a short announcement, dark male voice, unreadable. Time pips until 1700, the last one being short and higher than the others (then HCJB...). 1800 same time-pips, getting weaker, no more details... Greetings, (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germany, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. SITE? VT Merlin, 9525, July 10, 0808-0850, test loop, ID once a minute: ``You are listening to a test transmission by VT Merlin Communications, a leading provider of international broadcast services,`` website given, fair, re-checked at 0900 but they were gone, only noted Indonesia (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, NRD545, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS  
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Really, Glenn, I don't know how you do it, continually updating so many programs and websites, and screwing up so seldom. If it were me I'd be having to issue apologies and elaborate disclaimers every day. And don't forget --- JKDI!! (Pete Bentley, NY, July 3, with a check, and donation of his entire QSL collextion) Tnx, Pete!

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GALLERY OF OLD RUSSIAN RADIOS, GRAMOPHONES

<http://oldradio.onego.ru/foy.htm>  
(via Dan Say, BC, July 9, DXLD)

This is great! In English, and lots of audio links of old Russian 78s (or whatever rpm they used). But the photos are too small to make out the dial markings (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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#### ET'N E1XM RECEIVER

Glenn, The Et'N E1XM receiver should have been in the stores by now according to earlier reports. Can anyone confirm that that is so. What about in Canada? Their website <http://www.etoncorp.com> had earlier said March 2005 but no date, suppliers or price given at this time. I notice the accent over the o in their name. Is it Spanish and how is it pronounced? (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa Ontario, July 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don't think there is anything Spanish about it; I guess they just want to pronounce it ee-TONE or eh-TAWN for some reason, fancifying the name (gh, DXLD)

#### GRUNDIG E-10 FEATURES ANTENNA TRIMMER

My DX-375 finally crapped out on me. I still have the DX-398, and there are some things I really like it for, but it has two serious problems. The audio is quite mushy, and on SW you really need those high audio frequencies. Also, its not near as sensitive as the 375; it needs a lot more antenna for the weak signals. I hate to run around, shopping and comparing, whether it's cars, radios or clothes. So I just ran down to my Radio Shack, and came home with a Grundig E-10, and I'm happy. It's just like the DX-375, but with a few more bells and whistles. One thing that particularly turns me on is the antenna trimmer. I'm sure most receivers these days automatically match the antenna to the front end and the tuned frequency. They just put that knob on for old timers like me. It still gives us a good feeling to twist a knob back and forth, and actually peak up the signal (Pete Bentley, E Aurora NY, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Know what you mean (gh, DX-398 and FRG-7 user)

#### \$12.99 RADIO AT TARGET

In the latest DXLD , there is mention of Target (a USA chain store) selling shortwave radios. Interestingly, they sell one radio for just under \$13 !

- . AM/FM/SW 1-7 world band with LCD digital display
- . Built-in wide-range speaker
- . High-performance telescopic antenna

- . Built-in time/alarm function
- . Includes lightweight stereo earphones

Stay in tune on your travels with this portable Coby 9-band AM/FM and shortwave pocket radio. Versatile radio receives AM, FM and shortwave bands.

- . Catalog # : 565249 ASIN: B0002IYQDM DPCI: 057-04-0399
- . Imported
- . Shipping & Delivery Information
- . This item can only be shipped to the 50 states. We regret it cannot be shipped to APO/FPO, or Puerto Rico (via Andrew O'Brien, dxldyg via DXLD)

Previous item about Target was for SW ``Stations``! not receivers (gh)

MAN CHARGED WITH STEALING WI-FI SIGNAL

Showing the air waves are not public domain. - Yahoo! News

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050707/ap\\_on\\_hi\\_te/techbits\\_wi-fi\\_theft\\_1](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050707/ap_on_hi_te/techbits_wi-fi_theft_1)

(Jim Ellis - SWLer, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, July 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Same:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050707/ap\\_on\\_hi\\_te/](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050707/ap_on_hi_te/techbits_wi-fi_theft_1&printer=1;_ylt=A86.I0UeeMxCj2oAJhZk24cA;_ylu=X3oDMTA3MXN1bHE0BHNlYwN0bWE-)

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(via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

IBOC COMMENTS AT FCC FROM "UNCLE LEONARD"

Hello all, Leonard Kahn gave me a call again yesterday about lunch time. He wanted to tell me he submitted a 10-page comment filing to the FCC all about IBOC and its problems etc, and the problems associated with the FCC receiving information only from engineers that are "for" IBOC and the public's money being spent for all these NPR stations to buy IBOC equipment --- he was pretty hot about it. He told me there was some pretty harsh language and he said himself that this was even "more wrathful" than he usually is. It's in reference to docket number 99-325. His comments are at the top of the list if you search for comments on docket number 99-325. Here is the url to his comments.

[http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?](http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6518005579)

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If you visit <http://www.wrathofkahn.org> he's urging anyone to please comment right away because the deadline is July 11th. Makes for some very interesting eye-opening reading.

We also talked some more about Cam-D and all the newest developments. He also said that Ralph Carlson in Salt Lake City at Cam-D station

KDYL is indeed planning on going full stereo very shortly and that they've changed over to the "MOYL" format from "Adult Standards". So anyone with a radio capable of receiving Kahn AM Stereo will be able to hear KDYL 1060 in stereo very soon. He urged me and anyone else to please comment on that docket before July 11th. Go Uncle Leonard! (Michael n WYO Richard, July 8, ABDX via DXLD)

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#### UNDER-USED SPECTRUM

Rogaerial remarked on Steven carter's reference to "Under used" spectrum. he was referring to the coveted area from 2 megs up to 5 megs, which has much under used areas that could easily be used as a parking band for DRM transmissions. This has been mooted for many years, about time a regulator commented on it in public. The military and travel (shipping and aviation) have huge tracts of HF that they don't really need now, evidenced by the migration of both to higher frequencies.

I imagine that the advent of DRM onto the lower HF bands will be unpopular for DXers struggling to hear low power stations in outer Patagonia and Tibet, but such a minority hobby isn't really the best use of the frequencies if we are honest. I speak as a long time DXer. Quasi national broadcasting is best served by LW or HF transmissions - 5 - 10 kW will be fine for national coverage using vertical incidence transmissions. This is a long term development, and will depend on rapid dissemination of suitable receivers. As with all things, don't hold your breath, or take down your aerials just yet! (Paul Rusling, July 6, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Re: UK: Ofcom Chief Executive enthusiastic over DAB/DRM chipset

DRM is considering using 26 MHz for local services and there already are some transmissions there. VT Communications ran tests from Moosbrun to the UK on 9 and 11 MHz in conjunction with Virgin Radio, Asian Sound, Classic Gold, Premier Christian Radio and Christian Vision. Results were very good in the target area and were demonstrated at the London Digital Radio show last month when the DAB/DRM chip was launched.

Ofcom mentioned the possibility of using medium wave in the long term for local DRM services in their report Radio - Preparing for the Future released this year and identified the medium wave frequencies which could be used (Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

#### POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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#### GOOGLE INVESTS IN POWER-LINE BROADBAND

<http://it.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=05/07/07/1748215&tid=217&tid=187&tid=230&tid=218>  
(via Joe Ringer, swprograms via DXLD)

Some of the posts in the forum below the story are worth reading (gh)

#### PROPAGATION

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#### CROSS-LAKE RECEPTION

Hi Glenn, I have a lot of your DX reports and other such helpful information on the workings of radio reception (on whichever topics they may be - Es, Tropo, etc) and have been studying a rather unique type of DX myself for a few years now. However, I don't have the knowledge of everything like you do... and I was wondering if you may be able to help me.

My question deals with reception in the Great Lakes, specifically Lake Michigan since it's the area I deal with all the time. First, I'm curious if this could simply be identified as tropo or a separate type of DX. Bruce Elving once told me a more specific name for it - which I have since forgotten.

My curiosity led me to do a rather informal study over the period of about two years that led to the conclusion that at least in my town, cross-lake stations in Milwaukee, Green Bay, and around Chicago are received based on elevation mainly, at least on a regular basis as compared to the obvious regional enhancement that happens often here in the summer.

Many stations from 115-145 miles away will pop up when driving through certain areas, which I found were mainly above 755 feet in elevation, depending on the station. We are the highest point in our region as nothing south, east, or west of us is higher (yet going north, it continues to climb). There have been times when I have been driving from Cadillac, Michigan (at 1350 feet, the highest around) and have managed to keep in Chicago and Milwaukee stations 150-200 miles away all the way to Grand Rapids, a few hours south running parallel along the lake. Once the elevation drops though, these stations disappear. I am reluctant to call even this a form of tropo. It acts more like extended groundwave. We usually get the same stations in strong every few days or so (sometimes more often), many of them from 115 miles away that will drown out any station on each side of the frequency

(100.7 WKKV regularly fills 100.5 and 100.9 despite being from 115 miles away right on the lake).

I'm just curious if you have any insight into how signals work along the lakeshore, what effects them, and how elevation may come into play in this. There are days where we regularly receive a station 250 miles away that is of higher elevation, likely helped as the signal can bounce across the lake part of the way. I have used all the knowledge I know while studying this... and have reached a dead end...! I'm 23, so my experience is far less than most DXers, yet even many of the well-known WFTDA guys can't help me so much on this one...

Some of my informal findings of terrain and lakeshore reception can be found at my site: [http://www.beaglebass.com/dx\\_fm\\_index.htm](http://www.beaglebass.com/dx_fm_index.htm)  
(Chris Kadlec, Fremont Michigan, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Chris, Very interesting. I have only taken a quick look at your website so far, and it will take a while to study it.

It seems to me that you are dealing with ducting. Probably because of prevailing tropospheric conditions, ducts habitually form at a certain elevation or range of elevations.

The same kind of thing happens on a much greater scale between Hawaii and California. Don't know if you are familiar with Sheldon Remington's DX, from a certain elevation up the volcano on the Big Island. Pulls in southern California and even Mexican coastal FM stations. The same thing happens the other way around, again at certain elevations along the coast, but the trouble is the band is full of locals.

Hope this is of some help... 73, (Glenn to Chris, via DXLD)

For those of you in the Great Lakes, there is some excellent regional enhancement so far this evening... although here only cross-lake. I've got every frequency on the dial from 88 through 107 totally packed right now as well as every channel 2 to 20 full (including some from Chicago I haven't seen in \*years\*) - every station from Chicago (135 miles) to Milwaukee (100 miles) and north to Green Bay in perfect or near perfect, most so good that they wipe out the frequencies on both sides of them, usually local stations. As for actual long-distance DX here -- none in sight (Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Michigan, July 9, amfmtvdx via DXLD)

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES CONCERNING CORRELATION OF PROPAGATION INDICES TO ACTUAL EXPECTED MF PROPAGATION CONDITIONS

1.) Dropping indices numbers are better.

2.) For medium frequencies a solar flux under 150, under 100 better, 70 is best for E layer multi hop.

Keep in mind though that the 10.7 cm (2800 mhz) solar flux index is not a "reliable" gauge of ionization in our atmosphere for F layer MF frequency refractions, as the energy of photons at this frequency is too low on the order of one million times. However most are used to solar flux and sunspot number and it's a hard habit to break. A better indicator is the background x-ray flux. See #7 below.

3.) Solar flux of at least 100 for E valley-F layer ducting mechanism.

4.) Previous 24 hour Ap index under 10, under 7 for several days consecutively is best.

5.) Previous 3 hour Kp index under 3 for mid latitude paths, under 2 for high latitude paths, 0-1 for several days consecutively is best.

6.) Energetic protons no greater than 10 MeV (10+0) for 160/120 meters and no greater than (10-1) on MF broadcast band.

7.) Background x-ray flux levels less than C1 for several days consecutively for 160/120 meters and less than B9 for MF broadcast band, A9 or less is best.

8.) No current STRATWARM alert.

9.) IMF Bz with a (positive number) sign, indicates a lesser chance of high latitude path auroral absorption/unpredictable refraction or scattering of MF RF signals, when the Kp is above 3.

10.) A -50 or better towards a positive number Dst index during the recovery time after a geomagnetic storm, as related to the Equatorial Ring Current (Thomas Giella, July 7, ABDX via DXLD) ###